

Police Recover \$5,000 in Burglary Loot

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CHILDREN CHEERED . . . Santa Claus, with the help of M. G. Royball (left), vice president of United Welders Union Local 2, cheered patients in the children's ward at Harbor General Hospital this week. Here with Santa are Glenna Gibson, 16 months; Rose Mary Flores, 5; Craig Johnson, 13; Delmer Cole, 13. Toys donated by the welders local were distributed.

Accidents Claim Lives Of Three Youngsters

No Go

Another Trip Is Squashed

Members of the Board of Education did another turn-about on the question of travel outside California during their meeting Monday.

The board got a request from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, to send Dr. Carl Ahee to the National convention of the National Association of Secondary Principals in Miami Beach, Fla. The conference will be held Jan. 15 through 20.

Dr. Ahee is principal of Torrance High School, and would have represented the district at the convention.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, vice president of the board, asked for a roll call vote on the motion—but there was no motion.

"They don't have to go every year," Trustee William J. Hanson said. When Dr. Kurt Shery, president of the board, asked for action on the item, board members sat silent.

The brief discussion ended when Hanson moved for the next order of business.

Gifted Students

Enrolled for High Schools

More than 125 eighth grade students attending Torrance schools are currently enrolled in high school classes as part of a program for academically talented students.

Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, told the Board of Education Monday that most of the students earn A or B grades in the classes.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP? . . . Well, not exactly, and that's not Santa's elf there, either. It's police detective Frank Solis and he's busy cataloging some of the nearly 100 articles valued at \$5,000 which police say is part of the loot recovered with the arrest of six men here during the past few days as suspects in an area-wide burglary ring.

Local Officers Recover \$5,000 in Stolen Goods

Arrest of six men, three of them under 18, resulted in the recovery of burglary loot valued at more than \$5,000, according to Torrance Det. Lt. J. B. Miles.

Triggered by the arrest in Riverside last week of two men while they were attempting to unlock laundry coin boxes, the roundup reached six here this week when the fifth and sixth suspects were arrested.

Suspects identified as Joe Wayne Dove, 21, of 2455 Pacific Coast Highway, and Neil Wilson Douglas, 17, were arrested by Riverside police

when they were caught trying to unlock automatic laundry coin boxes with keys later identified as part of the loot taken in local home burglaries.

ARREST OF Dove and Douglas led to Louis T. Hines, 35, of 15818 Firmona Ave., Lawndale, arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen property. Torrance detectives Jimmy Bell and Frank Solis, with assists by officers Kenneth Halbert and Ray Gros, took Hines into custody and later impounded nearly 100 articles including watches, rings, tape recorders, radios, typewriters, a fur stole and a coin collection.

Arrested later were Duane Cree, 19, of 23435 W. 228th St., Allen Gordon Wirsching, 17; and John Edward Van Leuvan, 17.

Dove, arrested in Riverside, is still in custody there awaiting action on a Tor-

rance request to have him sent here for prosecution.

HINES AND CREE, arraigned on the charge brought by Torrance police, are awaiting preliminary hearings on Dec. 28.

Two of the juveniles, Wirsching and Van Leuvan, have been turned over to Palos Verdes Estates police for prosecution on burglary charges pending in that city.

The third juvenile, Douglas, has been remanded to juvenile authorities by Torrance police for processing. Meanwhile the job of sorting out the nearly 100 items of property, finding and verifying the legal owner, and making arrangements to assure that the property is returned when possible is keeping several police officers quite busy this holiday week, Lieutenant Miles admits.

Tot Hit By Auto Crushed

A 3½-year-old girl ran into the path of a bakery truck and was killed instantly Tuesday, bringing to three the number of Torrance children killed in area traffic this week.

Killed Tuesday was Susan Dobson, daughter of Mrs. Joan Dobson, 1612½ Plaza Del Amo. She and her 5-year-old brother, Theodore Jr., had run out to buy doughnuts from a bakery truck which had stopped across the street, Harbor Division police were told.

The driver of the vehicle apparently had no chance to avoid the little girl although he braked sharply, investigators were told. He was not held.

Susan's father and grandparents live in New Jersey.

A fog-covered accident early Monday on the Harbor Freeway near Artesia has claimed its third victim, the second child to die as a result of the wrong-way crash.

Five-year-old Caroline McBee died early Tuesday in Oak Park Community Hospital. Killed in the crash was Caroline's brother, David Lee, 8, and Army Capt. Cecil Wilson, 30, who was driving in the wrong direction on the freeway.

In serious condition at Oak Park Hospital is Donald McBee, 33, of 1325 Grant Ave., father of the children and driver of the car.

Trip Slated For Dr. Hull

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and several members of the Board of Education will attend the California State Conference on Vocational Education in Los Angeles Jan. 11 and 12.

The conference will be devoted to a discussion of trends and needs in vocational education. It will be held at the Statler Hotel.

Seven Classrooms Due at Two Schools

Preliminary plans for the addition of seven classrooms at two Torrance schools were approved by the Board of Education Monday evening.

The plans call for the addition of five classrooms and restroom facilities at Adams Elementary School and two classrooms at Calle Mayor Elementary School.

The Adams additions will be reinforced concrete structures. They will be built for the eventual addition of a

second story. Estimated cost of the five classrooms is \$145,018.

THE TWO new classrooms at Calle Mayor School will be adjacent to an existing shop building, extending the wing to conform with other buildings at the school. The two rooms will cost about \$52,000. Both facilities are expected to be ready for occupancy in January, 1966.

In related matters, the trustees delayed for at least

three or four months any decision on the purchase of portable classrooms, and voted to hire a consultant to redesign food service facilities at North High School.

A DECISION now on the question of portable classrooms was thought to be premature. S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, has recommended the purchase of seven trailers at a cost of about \$12,000.

The trailers, which are air conditioned, can be moved easily from school to school to help alleviate problems of overcrowding. The cost of trailer classrooms is approximately the same as that of permanent buildings, Waldrip said.

Flambert and Flambert, Inc., was retained at a fee of \$2,240 to redesign the kitchen facilities at North High. The district will remodel the entire food service area at North to provide service for 3,000 students. It is the first step toward completion of the master plan for North High.

Commerce Chairman

Pando to Head Heart Campaign

Gilbert A. Pando has been named commerce chairman for the Southwestern branch of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn.

Manager of Security First National Bank at 190th and Anza streets, Pando will head a committee of businessmen who will visit various local firms seeking support of the Heart Assn. through gifts during Heart Fund Month—February.

"No one can place a price tag on a man's life, but the family, business and community suffer an inestimable amount every time a man is stricken with a heart disorder," said Joseph Tudor, commerce chairman for the county.

AN ACTIVE community leader, Pando is a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, and the South Bay Realty Board. He is also the Redondo Kiwanis Club's Institutional Representative to the Boy Scouts of America.

The branch covers the following communities: Dominguez, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood Lawndale, Lennox, Lomita-Harbor City, Manhattan Beach, Miraleste, Palos Verdes, Playa del Rey, Portuguese Bend, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Torrance-Waltheria, Westchester, and Wilmington.

Summer Students Will Get No Vacation Until August

Students planning to attend summer school in Torrance will not get the usual week vacation between the end of the spring term and summer classes.

Summer classes will begin Monday, June 21, and end on Friday, July 30. The spring semester will end on Friday, June 18.

The change was approved by the Board of Education

Monday evening to save the school district an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000. Principals normally finish their assignments on July 31 and would have to be paid on a daily basis for the first week in August if the original summer school schedule is followed.

South to Host County Trustees

South High School will host the quarterly meeting of the Los Angeles County Trustees Association Jan. 28, 1965. The association represents boards of education throughout the county.

Cadet Promoted

Stephen D. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray of 18820 Yukon Ave., has been promoted to the rank of cadet sergeant at Brown Military Academy.



STUDENT SUPPORT . . . Students supported the United Crusade to the tune of \$2,000, James Becker, Torrance chairman, has announced. Here, Becker accepts the check from Linda Fenner of Torrance High. Other students are, from left, Chris Becker of Towers School and Tina Shidler of Parkway School. Also pictured is Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools.

Suspensions Decline in First Month

Torrance students are behaving themselves this year, according to report on suspensions during the first school month submitted to the Board of Education this week.

The report, compiled by Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, shows a total of 88 students suspended during the first four weeks of school. The figure compares with 152 for the same period a year ago.

Dr. Kaplan said the district has suspended students for such things as continued disobedience, defiance of the teacher, damage to school property, and failure to abide by school regulations.

Administrator Picked . . .

Joe Leach, assistant city manager at Redondo Beach for eight years, has been named city administrator for Rolling Hills Estates, succeeding Donald Mansfield, it was reported this morning. Mansfield, former assistant city manager for Torrance, has accepted a post as city manager at the newly incorporated city of Camarillo effective Jan. 1.

Fire Routs Pair . . .

A fire which may have been started by a cigarette caused two women to flee their Torrance home early Tuesday, according to Torrance firemen. Eileen Westergard, 34, was awakened by dense smoke in the dwelling at 23861 Ward St. and roused Darlene Wolfe asleep in another room. The two fled the house with Miss Westergard receiving only slight injuries.

Rubbish Crews Off . . .

City rubbish collection crews will not work Christmas Day or New Year's Day, city officials have announced. Collections normally made on Friday will be made on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Regular Monday through Thursday schedules will be observed during both weeks.